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The U.S. Soviet Developments

(U) At the Soviet Bloc 'PAO Conference': Avoiding Psychological War With the West --
Senior news executives from 15 Soviet bloc states and those with ties to it have opened a conference in Leningrad, Tass reports. They are considering the "urgent tasks of the mass and propaganda media in the fight against bourgeois ideology and the ideological sabotage of imperialism," Tass says. The conference discussed what it called falsification by bourgeois propaganda of the foreign policy of communist countries. Countries attending include all the Warsaw Pact states except Romania, plus Afghanistan, Cuba, Mongolia, Vietnam, Laos, North Korea, Cambodia, South Yemen and Ethiopia. Tass says the meeting, organized by the Soviet journalists union, was addressed by Valentin Falin, first deputy head of the international information department of the Soviet Communist Party Central Committee. Falin said the Soviet Union believes the ideological struggle between East and West should not turn into psychological war or be used as a means of interference in the internal affairs of other countries. (Reuter)

(C) British Press U.S. for Promised Unclassified Material on Soviet Threat --
For use in the British campaign against rising unilateralism, Secretary of State for Defense Nott has again asked "how the U.S. is coming along in providing the unclassified material on the Soviet threat" promised by Secretary of Defense Weinberger at a NATO meeting in April. Nott's deputy told Embassy London it would be especially helpful if the U.S. data could include photographic material which dramatizes the threat. In recommending an early response, Embassy London says, "If EUR outreach is to be more than just a pretty face, it will need to be severely practical, as here." (Confidential, SECSTATE-London 10540 GDS 6/4/87)

(C) Soviet Magazine in Nepal Links Attempted Assassination of Pope to U.S. --
The June 2 edition of News and Views From the Soviet Union, published by the Soviet Embassy in Nepal, carries an article headed "An Attempt on the Pope: Where Do the Traces Lead?" The article, by Novosti political analyst Vladimir Katin, alleges that the U.S. Government has been unhappy with recent Vatican foreign policy as it relates to the Palestinian question, U.S. arms policy, etc. The assassination attempt on the Pope should be viewed against this background, he suggests. Unless instructed otherwise by the State Department, Embassy Kathmandu

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